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Applicant:

Jeff L. Mercer

Serial No.:

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Filed:

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For:

Device For Dispensing Viscous Liquids

Group Art Unit:

3754

Examiner:

Kenneth Bomberg

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Customer No.:

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### RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

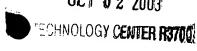
#### **Election of Claims**

The Examiner has divided the application into two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-9 and 14-15 drawn to a valve, classified in Class 222, subclass 518.

Group II: Claims 10-12 and 13, drawn to a valve and actuator, classified in Class 222, subclass 504.

Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-9 and 14-15, without traverse. The claims directed to Group II are withdrawn, without prejudice to resubmitting them in a divisional application.



The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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